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In re PATENT Application of)	
Eiichi KAWAMOTO)	Confirmation No. 5119
Application No. 10/564,857)	Group Art Unit: 1744
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For: SUCTION DEVICE AND NOZZLE)	
DEVICE)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of the foreign documents cited is enclosed.

A discussion of Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publications No. 2001-161762, No. 2001-245952, No. 2001-245953, No. 2001-261968, No. 2001-276172, and No. 2001-299903 is given in the specification at page 3.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publications No. 2000-70888, No. 2001-149870, and No. 2002-165821 were cited in the International Search Report of International Application No. PCT/JP04/10396 of the present application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

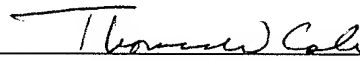
The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing of this application or entry into the national stage of this application, or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) should it be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2478.

It is requested that the accompanying information disclosure statement be considered and made of record in the above-captioned application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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